

charitable institutions can make up the difference, but that's just not so. They're already struggling to meet demands. Without SNAP, millions of Americans will go hungry, plain and simple.

We shouldn't be trying to balance the budget on the backs of hungry families. The bill that will be up today outright abandons them. If we're really concerned about the cost of SNAP, we should focus on addressing the root causes of hunger. Let's cut poverty, not nutrition assistance.

GOLDEN GOOSE AWARD RECIPIENTS

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the five scientists receiving the Golden Goose Award later today. The Golden Goose Award was created to recognize the important impact of federally funded research on the lives of Americans today. This award highlights seemingly obscure research that has led to unexpected advances in unrelated fields, sometimes years after the original work took place.

The beauty of research science is that we can never truly predict what discoveries can result from just a slightly better understanding of our world.

Dr. John Eng conducted studies on the venom of Gila monsters which led to diabetes medication which millions of patients now use. Mathematician Lloyd Shapely developed algorithms to maximize marriage stability in the 1960s, which were then used by economist Alvin Roth to match kidney recipients with patients, and doctors with hospitals. Dr. Thomas Brock and Dr. Hudson Freeze studied organisms in the extreme conditions of Yellowstone Park, and their research led to a better understanding of the heat necessary to study DNA, which then fueled advances in biotechnology and the genomics revolution.

Far from laying a golden goose egg, these recipients have changed our world for the better. We recognize their work.

SNAP CUTS TO VETERANS

(Ms. BROWNLEY of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, over 68,000 Ventura County residents in my district rely on SNAP benefits to make ends meet and put food on the table. More than half of those 68,000 people are children. The bill before us today won't create jobs or improve our economy. It simply makes it harder for families, including our Nation's veterans, to feed their children.

From 2008 to 2011, SNAP food purchases tripled at commissaries

throughout the country, which are open to military families and veterans. Currently, 900,000 veterans across the country receive SNAP benefits. Under H.R. 3102, benefits would be cut for as many as 170,000 veterans, and some would lose their benefits entirely.

A vote for this bill is a vote to let millions of children, seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans go hungry. I urge my colleagues to join me in fighting hunger in America by opposing this bill.

DEFUND AND REPEAL OBAMACARE

(Mr. STEWART asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, from time to time, this Chamber has the opportunity to address legislation that will have an impact on generations of Americans. Since arriving in Congress, I have consistently supported efforts to defund or repeal ObamaCare. Not only does this law run contrary to our basic American principles of personal freedom and limited government, but it is already hurting our economy; and it will be even more destructive as it is implemented this fall. As a small business owner, I have seen firsthand and in a very personal way the negative impacts of this law. It is no wonder that it is so unpopular.

The original purpose of the Affordable Care Act was to drive health care costs down. But instead, it has done exactly the opposite, driving up premiums by as much as 400 percent. We can do better. We must replace this law with legislation that would lower health care costs and improve the quality of care and protect American jobs.

I look forward to voting in favor of the continuing resolution this week, which defunds this damaging health care law. The Senate and the House can work together to find an alternative that would fix and improve the law. And I look forward to working with them to do that.

EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE NUTRITION REFORM AND WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act. The GOP's efforts to cut \$40 billion in SNAP benefits over 10 years show how disconnected they are with our most vulnerable citizens; 4 million to 6 million low-income people will be affected by these cuts, including 450,000 residents in Dallas County that are food insecure. Almost 300,000 of them are children. Many of our citizens are already living on the edge of poverty, and these cuts would virtually eliminate the assistance they desperately need.

I am deeply troubled by this aggressive agenda to dismantle the SNAP program. It is not just the African American or Hispanic populations who receive these benefits. It is the working class, the elderly, the children, and the disabled. Cutting this program would be devastating to millions of Americans who are working hard to provide for their families. I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill and support our neediest citizens.

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THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER MUST STOP ITS RELI- GIOUS INTOLERANCE

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. I rise today to speak against the discriminatory practice of the Southern Poverty Law Center through the use of so-called "hate mapping" and its proliferation of intolerance. While the group claims to be dedicated to fighting hatred and bigotry, the Southern Poverty Law Center has, instead, placed itself at the forefront of Christian persecution and religious intolerance.

Because of its misplaced hate-mapping, on August 15 of last year, Floyd Lee Corkins entered the Family Research Council and shot and badly wounded Building Manager Leo Johnson, who stopped Corkins' intended killing spree. The SPLC's radical intolerance of traditional values is not only hyperpolarizing, but spurred on this violence.

Spreading discrimination against those who believe in traditional Christian values is not, in fact, fighting hatred; rather, it is espousing further bigotry.

Our country was founded on the principles of religious freedom. When the SPLC demonizes any group or person who remains steadfast in their religious convictions, it only increases the amount of intolerance in our society.

So I ask my fellow Members to join me in fighting against religious intolerance in the world today by calling for an end to religious intolerance against all groups, including those with Christian beliefs.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHILD- HOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of our children suffering the unthinkable as we recognize September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Cancer is the leading cause of death from disease among U.S. children over the age of 1. Moreover, cancer kills more children than cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, AIDS, asthma, and juvenile diabetes combined.